-- LPG to be made available for all households.

- Unleaded-low lead petrol to be made available in the Trapezium

– Preferential allocation of LPG to be made for industries.

Low sulphur diesel for transport to be made available.

- - Intensification of environment management to be made by the Mathura Refinery.

Natural gas to be made available for industries.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to be made available for vehicles.

Extinction of Tibetan Antelopes

7944. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tibetan antelopes are among the highly endangered species;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that illicit trade in antelope wool abounds and thousands of animals have been killed in recent years for their wool; and

(c) if so, what steps, if any, have been taken by Government to protect the Tibetan antelope and prevent its imminent extinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some cases of illegal trade in articles made out of wool, obtained from the Tibetan antelope have come to notice. However, the population of the Tibetan antelope which occurs in India only in the north-eastern part of Ladakh is estimated at around 200 animals. There are no reports of this animal being killed in India. This species is found mainly in Tibet.

(c) The Tibetan antelope has been provided complete legal protection against hunting and trade under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The species is also included in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) which prohibits international trade in the Tibetan antelope and its parts and derivatives. Raids are being carried out by the Wildlife authorities whenever information on illegal trade of articles made out of Tibetan antelope wool is received. The Wildlife Authorities, Jammu & Kashmir have been advised to ensure that no killing of the Tibetan antelope takes place and that the animal is provided the fullest protection.

Depletion of Bamboo Forests in Western Ghats

7945. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the depletion and destruction of bamboo forests in the Western Ghats is leading to an overall depletion of biodiversity in the area;

(b) whether various species of butterflies, which indicate environmental change, are now on the verge of extinction. and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to rectify the situation and save he region from irreparable invironmental degradation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a

to (c) The information is being collected from the State Governments of Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and will be laid on the Table of the House.

मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा हाई-प्रेसर डीप ड्रिलिंग कम्बीनेशन रिंग को खरीद करने के लिए धनराशि की मांग

7946. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने राज्य के पठारी क्षेत्रों में अधिक गहराई तक खनन करने तथा धसकने वाली तह में नलकूप खोदने के लिए हाई प्रशर डीप ड्रिलिंग कम्बीनेशन रिंग तथा हाइड्रीफिकेटिंग मशीनें खरीदने हेतु धनराशि की मांग की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस प्रस्ताव को अब तक स्वीकृति न देने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस प्रस्ताव को कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान किए जाने की संभावना है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) से (ग) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार केन्द्रीय सरकार ने दिनांक 21-12-1994 को छः कम्बिनेशन ड्रिलिंग रिंग तथा दो हाईड्रोफ्रैक्चरिंग मशीनें खरीदने के लिए मंजूरी दी है ।

मध्य प्रदेश में वन-भूमि में कमी

7947. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में वन-क्षेत्र में कितनी कमी हुई है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई उचित कदम उठाये हैं ;

(ग) उपर्युक्त क्षेत्र में से ऐसे क्षेत्र का जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है जहां वृक्षारोपण, पुनः वृक्षारोपण तथा पारिस्थितिक विकास कार्यक्रमों के अंतर्गत वृक्ष लगाए गए हैं ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने राज्य सरकार को इस संबंध में उचित निदेश दिए हैं ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण द्वारा 1987-89 एवं 1989-91 की मूल्यांकन अवधि के संबंध में क्रमशः 1991 व 1993 में प्रकाशित वन स्थिति रिपोर्टों के आधार पर मध्य प्रदेश में दर्ज वन क्षेत्र 1,55,414 वर्ग कि०मी० ही है और इस प्रकार इसमें कोई कमी नहीं हुई है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

(घ) जी, हां ।

Trafficking of Processed Animal Produces through Delhi

7948. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to certain news reports which appeared during the second week of May, 1995, indicating that Delhi is fast emerging as a transit point for trafficking of processed animal products into the International market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some effective steps in this regard; and